Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A sprinkler head vegetation shield, comprising,

a sloping wall defined by a single-piece curved plate;

a lip extending horizontally away from the wall along an upper perimeter thereof for supporting the shield adjacent a sprinkler head without attachment thereto; and

a notch located substantially near a lower perimeter of the sloping wall and configured to accommodate movement of the sprinkler head relative to the plate;

wherein the shield is at least partially circular and the sloping wall is generally concave.

2. (Original) The sprinkler shield of claim 1, including a plurality of apertures spaced about the sloping wall.

3. (Original) The sprinkler shield of claim 2, including a plurality of mounting spikes extending through the apertures for securing the plate to a surface.

4. (Original) The sprinkler shield of claim 3, wherein each spike includes a head larger than the aperture to prevent movement of the plate past the head of the spike.

5. (Currently Amended) The sprinkler shield of claim 1, wherein ~~the shield is at least partially circular,~~ the notch is centrally located with respect to the shield, and the wall slopes inwardly towards the notch.

6. (Original) The sprinkler shield of claim 1, wherein portions of the wall on opposite sides of the notch extend a distance generally parallel to each other, defining an elongated slot with the notch at one end.

7. (Original) The sprinkler shield of claim 6, including an insert slidable into a groove surrounding the elongated slot.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) The sprinkler shield of claim 1, wherein ~~the shield is at least partially circular,~~ the notch is centrally located with respect to the shield, and the wall slopes outwardly from a center defined by the at least partially circular shield.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)